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The November/December issue of *Acclimations* has just been published. This issue contains an overview of EPA's Global Change Research Program. The article describes EPA's assessment-oriented research program and its emphasis on understanding the potential consequences of global change for human health, ecosystems, and social well-being in the United States.

The November/December issue also contains an article by Michael Slimak (Associate Director for Ecology, National Center for Environmental Assessment, EPA Office of Research and Development) on the potential direct and indirect ecological effects of global change. The article is entitled, "Indirect and Manifold Effects..."

Other articles and news items contained in the issue are: (1) Results from a workshop focusing on the Central and Southern Appalachia Region; (2) An update on the status of the South Eastern Regional Assessment; (3) An article by Benjamin Felzer (NCAR) on "Canadian and Hadley Model Projections of Precipitation Changes for the 21st Century"; (4) A report on the upcoming Second IAI/UM Summer Institute that will focus on "Environmental and social implications of land-use and land-cover change in the Americas"; (5) A call for reviewers of the reports being prepared for the National Assessment; and (6) A calendar of upcoming meetings associated with the National Assessment.

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